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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE

PUBLIC MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF YOUR ARRIVAL, ARE EXPECTED TO
BE AT AIRPORT, AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL WANT TO QUERY YOU ON VARIETY
OF TOPICS. (SUGGDATED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS ASAP)
THE FOLLOWING IS LIST OF PROBABLE QUESTIONS AND SOME SUGGESTED
ANSWERS:

HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Q. IN WHAT WAYS DO THE U.S. AND COSTA RICA COOPERATE IN
HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. IN INTERNATIONAL FORA THE U.N. AND THE OAS COOPERATIONS
HAS BEEN CLOSE. AT THE OASGA IN GRENADA, THE U.S. AND COSTA RICA
VOTED TOGETHER, AND WORKED TOGETHER, TO ACHIEVE PASSAGE OF THE
RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING THE INTER AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION AND URGING MEMBERS TO END ALL HUMAN RIGHTS
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VIOLATIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

AT THE U.N. THIS FALL, THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT THE DECADE-
OLD COSTA RICAN RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A HIGH U.N.
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. PRESIDENT CARTER
ANNOUNCED SUCH SUPPORT IN HIS OAS SPEECH IN APRIL.

2. Q. PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS OAS SPEECH SAID THAT THE U.

S. WOULD "STAND BESIDE" COUNTRIES THAT RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. COSTA RICA HAS AN EXEMPLARY RECORD IN HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT WILL THE U.S. DO FOR COSTA RICA IN LIGHT OF THIS POLICY?

A. I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THE U.S. AND COSTA RICA STAND BESIDE EACH OTHER IN A FIRMLY SHARED COMMON GOAL TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS HEMISPHERE AND WORLD WIDE. U.S.-COSTA RICAN RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT. WE COOPERATE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO; THAT IS HOW GOOD FRIENDS CONDUCT THEIR RELATIONS.

3. Q. COLOMBIA HAS CHARGED THAT THE OAS HAS NEVER DESIGNATED ANY ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO BE THE GUARDIAN OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY SPEAKING OF THE U.S. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

4. Q. THE ONLY IMPORTANT ISSUE AT THE OASGA WAS HUMAN RIGHTS. MRS. CARTER ALSO SPOKE A LOT ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS HERE. THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ALL THE TIME. IS U.S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA ONLY BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

VESCO

1. Q. DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE EXTRADITION OF VESCO?
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A. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN REVIEWING THE MATTER OF A VESCO EXTRADITION, AND CONTINUES TO DO SO. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE U.S. PROCEED WITH AN EXTRADITION REQUEST. AS YOU KNOW, THE FINAL DECISION ON EXTRADITION WILL BE MADE BY THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL AUTHORITIES? THAT IS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

2. Q. DO YOU THINK THAT VESCO WILL LEAVE COSTA RICA AS PRESIDENT ODUBER HAS SAID HE WILL?

A. IN THE U.S. THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MR. VESCO'S DEPARTURE FROM COSTA RICA HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST. OUR DESIRE CONTINUES TO BE, SIMPLY, THAT U.S. JUSTICE BE SERVED IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT MR. VESCO APPEAR BEFORE U.S. COURTS.

3. Q. WHAT ABOUT THE SCANDAL HERE REGARDING FIGUERES' REVELATIONS THAT VESCO CONTRIBUTED TO THE 1974 ELECTION CAMPAIGN?

A. I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT - IT IS A
MATTER OF COSTA RICAN INTERNAL POLITICS.

CARTER VISIT

1. Q. AS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN MRS. CARTER'S
VISIT, AND AS NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR, CAN YOU TELL US
WHAT SPECIFIC BENEFITS COSTA RICA CAN EXPECT TO
DERIVE FROM IT?

A. AS YOU KNOW, U.S. AND COSTA RICA ENJOY
EXCELLENT RELATIONS. MRS. CARTER'S VISIT UNDERLINED
THIS FACT, AND IT IS STRONGLY INDICATIVE AS WELL OF
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THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN CONSULTING AND WORKING
CLOSELY WITH DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES SUCH AS COSTA RICA
TO ACHIEVE A VARIETY OF MUTUAL OBJECTIVES.
FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT AND
TO COOPERATE IN THE AREA OF IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND STRENGTHENING THE OAS.
IN TRADE, RECENT USG DECISIONS ON MUSHROOMS, FOOTWEAR,
AND SUGAR FAVOR COSTA RICA. OTHER AREAS, FGPH AS
INCREASED MEAT EXPORTS, ARE MORE PROBLEMATIC - AND AS
MRS. CARTER SAID, WE WILL NOT PROMISE THINGS THAT WE
CANNOT DELIVER. IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, I CAN SAY
THAT WE ARE WORKING VERY WELL WITH COSTA RICA IN
SUCH AREAS AS NUTRITION AND URBAN IMPROVEMENT. ALSO,
WE ARE BEGINNING TO MOVE INTO THE AREA OF HOW SATELLITE
TECHNOLOGY CAN BE UTILIZED HERE FOR DEVELOPMENT
OBJECTIVES.
YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO I CHAIRED A
ROUND TABLE IN THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE CONDUCTED VIA

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SATELITE WITH COSTA RICAN OFFICIALS.

2. Q. PERHAPS YOU RECALL FROM YOUR LAST VISIT HERE
THAT DURING THE RECEPTION FOR MRS. CARTER AT THE
NATIONAL THEATER THE COSTA RICAN YOUTH SYMPHONY WAS
INVITED TO PLAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. DO YOU COME WITH
ANY NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INVITATION?

A. I REMEMBER VERY WELL BOTH MRS. CARTER'S
STATEMENT AND THE EXCELLENT SHORT CONCERT BY THE
COSTA RICAN YOUTH SYMPHONY WHICH PROMPTED HER SUGGESTION.
SINCE THAT EVENING'S CONCERT I KNOW FROM PERSONAL
EXPERIENCE THAT THE COSTA RICAN YOUTH SYMPHONY TRULY
MERITS ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION. I LOOK FORWARD
WITH PLEASURE TO FOLLOWING UP ON MRS. CARTER'S STATEMENT.

3. Q. WHAT REPORT DID MRS. CARTER GIVE THE PRESIDENT
ON HER TRIP TO COSTA RICA?

4. Q. WHEN WILL PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT LATIN AMERICA?

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HEMISPHERIC QUESTIONS
PANAMA CANAL

1. Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION AND WHAT DOES THE U.S.
WISH TO ACHIEVE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PANAMA CANAL
QUESTION?

2. Q. DO YOU EXPECT THAT A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY WILL
BE SIGNED THIS YEAR? IF IT IS SIGNED, WILL THE U.S.
SENATE RATIFY IT?

CUBA

1. Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR FULL
RESUMPTION OF THE U.S. CUBAN RELATIONS?

2. Q. WILL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AFFECT THE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS?

WILL THE U.S. DEMAND THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA AS A CONDITION FOR LIFTING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR RESUMING RELATIONS?

OASGA

OTHER QUESTION ON THE OASGA MAY BE ANTICIPATED.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. Q. WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE U.S. INCREASING ITS "QUOTA" FOR COSTA RICAN MEAT THIS YEAR?

A. I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY CHANGE CONTEMPLATED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, AS MRS. CARTER STATED IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR QUESTION DURING HER RECENT VISIT HERE, THE WHOLE QUESTION OF MARKET QUOTAS WILL BE GIVEN COMPREHENSIVE STUDY IN THE U.S. ALSO, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT COSTA RICA HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP IN VENEZUELA AND ISRAEL, A MARKET FOR VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE COSTA RICAN BEEF AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR EXPORT.

2. Q. WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

A. IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR. THE U.S. WILL BE CONSIDERING A MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR TOWARD THE END OF THIS YEAR.

3. Q. WILL THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION IMPOSE ADDITIONAL CONTROLS ON MEAT IMPORTS INTO THE U.S.?

A. THE ITC IS HOLDING HEARINGS ABOUT MEAT IMPORTS AT THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. CATTLE INDUSTRY. THE COMMISSION CANNOT IMPOSE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. IT CAN ONLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PNISIDENT. THE PRESIDENT WILL CONSIDER NOT ONLY THE FINDINGS OF THE ITC BUT ALSO OUR MUTUAL TRADE INTERESTS WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER ANY ACTION IS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO MEAT IMPORTS.

4. Q. WE HEARD THAT THE U.S. INSISTENCE ON THE ACCUMULATION OF SUGAR STOCKS LED TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE RECENT EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT.

WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

A. THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW SUGAR AGREEMENT
DID NOT REACH A SUCCESS-
FUL CONCLUSION BECAUSE THE PARTIES
WERE UNABLE TO AGREE UPON AN APPROPRIATE PRICE SUPPORT
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PROGRAM AS A WHOLE. THE U.S. FAVORS AN INTERNATIONAL
SUGAR AGREEMENT AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL WORK
DILIGENTLY TO ACHIEVE AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT AT THE NEXT
ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. I UNDERSTAND FURTHER TALKS WILL
TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.
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